



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 2, 2015

### **H.R. 1615** **DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security  
on May 20, 2015*

H.R. 1615 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to update regulations that implement the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), identify the costs of complying with that act, streamline the process for implementing certain FOIA provisions, and attempt to reduce the backlog in processing FOIA requests. Because there are ongoing efforts within DHS to carry out the actions required by the bill, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1615 would not significantly affect DHS spending. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1615 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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